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## STRIKERS ARE KILLED BY A SHERIFF'S POSSE.

### First Bloodshed of the Mammoth Strike in the Coal Fields of Pennsylvania.

## TROOPS CALLED FOR BY AUTHORITIES AT SHENANDOAH

### Adjutant General Was in Philadelphia But Left at Once for Har- risburg--Five National Guard Regiments of the State Called Out to Preserve Order--Sheriff Who Ordered His Men to Fire Took Refuge in a Hotel From the Infuriated Miners--Recalcit- rant Strikers Nearly All Foreigners.

SHENANDOAH, Pa., Sept. 21.—A sheriff's posse fired on a crowd of riotous men near here this afternoon, killing two persons and wounding seven others.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Sept. 21.—Sheriff Toole, of Schuylkill county, today sent a telegram to Adjutant General Stewart, asking for troops, as a result of a clash between marching strikers and coal and iron police at Shenandoah this afternoon. The sheriff's message was delivered to the adjutant general a few minutes after his arrival in this city from Harrisburg. General Stewart at once communicated with Sheriff Toole by telephone. After a brief conversation the adjutant general returned to Harrisburg on the train, leaving here at 8:50 o'clock to-night.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Sept. 21.—At midnight the Fourth, Eighth and Twelfth regiments, the Governor's Troop and Battery C were called out, with General Gobin in command.

SHENANDOAH, Pa., Sept. 21.—Sheriff Toole and Deputies O'Donnell and Breneman were called to Shenandoah today to suppress the mobs that threatened mine workers and colliery property. At quitting time the three sheriffs and a small posse whom the sheriff had summoned on the ground went to the Indian Ridge colliery of the Reading company, to escort the workmen to their homes.

The workmen left for home shortly after 4 o'clock. They walked up the middle of East Center street and reached the Lehigh Valley railroad station. Here had gathered a large crowd of Poles, Slavs and Hungarians, men, women and children, who lined both sides of the street. A shot rang from a saloon. This was followed by a shower of stones. Many of the crowd had picked up sticks and stones and were acting in a threatening manner. Seeing this the sheriff, who had previously cautioned his men to keep cool and not to use their firearms, commanded them to fire. The order was obeyed with terrible results. The crowd pursued the sheriff and his posse to the Ferguson House, where they took refuge.

**Asked for Troops**  
Sheriff Toole shortly afterward telephoned to Harrisburg and asked that a detachment of troops be sent here. It was learned that Adjutant General Stewart was in Philadelphia, and a telegram was sent to him there.

Following is a list of the killed and wounded:  
Killed—Mike Yuckavage, shot in the eye.  
A little girl, name unknown, shot in the back of the neck.  
Wounded so far as can be learned:  
Edward Doyle, aged about fifty years, bullet wound near heart.  
Michael Scanlan, shot in the arm.  
Anthony Skarnick, shot in left wrist by thirty-two calibre bullet.  
John Wudskiele, aged forty, shot in the hand; married.  
Peter Stalmocovich, aged twenty-eight years, shot in the shoulder at the back.

Mike Szatka, shot in left shoulder.  
Anthony Axalavage, shot in left side, by a 40-calibre bullet; serious.  
Several others were injured by being hit by bricks and stones.

**Riot Liable to Occur.**  
SHAMOKIN, Pa., Sept. 21.—Everything is quiet here and Shenandoah, a stretch of thirty miles. At the latter place every colliery, excepting the Cambridge, was closed down by strikers this morning, the men marching upon one operation after the other. They marched to the Cambridge colliery to compel the men to stop work, but an armed guard held the mob back.

The crowd is still near the works and a riot is liable to occur any minute. Strike leaders are doing their best to quiet the strikers, 5,000 of whom are Lithuanians, Poles and Hungarians.

**Coal Train Paralyzed.**  
TORONTO, Ont., Sept. 21.—The Pennsylvania coal strike has demoralized the lake coal carrying trade and has brought the season to a premature close. Several vessels which made Toronto their headquarters have gone into winter quarters and dismissed their crews.

**Tramps Killed in Freight Wreck.**  
CINCINNATI, Ohio, Sept. 21.—In a freight wreck on the Queen & Crescent route at Saddle Hill, Ky., to-day, five tramps were killed and four badly injured. Ernest West and Robert Mc-

## MINGO SHAKEN UP

By Hon. Charley Caldwell—Republicans Gaining Daily—Disaffection Among the Democrats.

WILLIAMSON, W. Va., Sept. 21.—Hon. C. T. Caldwell addressed one of the largest and most enthusiastic public meetings ever held in this county at Matewan, last night. Five hundred miners in the Thacker field, who are prospering as never before, heard him, and cheered to the echo his thrusts at free coal and so-called imperialism.

A full dozen of life-long Democrats, hitherto active party workers, openly announced their masterly speech of two hours and a half, their determination to vote for McKinley, expansion and four years more of prosperity.

There is much disaffection among Mingo Democrats, the result of dishonest primaries, and daily accessions are being made by the Republicans.

Mingo, the infant, will give a good account of herself in November.

## FORMER BRYANITE

Will Stump West Virginia for the Republicans.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 21.—Ex-Congressman Dungan, of the Fifty-second Congress, of Ohio, addressed the West Virginia Republican Association to-night to a large audience. He will start on a tour through West Virginia for McKinley. Mr. Dungan stumped the state of West Virginia four years ago for W. J. Bryan, on the same tour. He will start at Shepherdstown, W. Va., Saturday.

## ROOSEVELT IN UTAH.

Flattering Demonstrations on All Sides—Takes a Gallop With a Company of Cowboys—Listens to an Organ Recital in the Mormon Tabernacle.

SALT LAKE, Utah, Sept. 21.—Governor Roosevelt's campaign special reached this city at 10:30 a. m. At Salt Lake the train was met by a great number of people and a brigade of rough riders who escorted the governor through the principal streets, where flattering demonstrations took place.

Governor Roosevelt was driven to the Alta club during the morning, where he was met by Hon. R. C. Kerens, national committee man from Missouri, and Perry S. Heath, secretary of the national committee. One hundred and fifty mounted cowboys were drawn up in front of the club. The governor was persuaded to mount a horse and take a gallop. The ride lasted for about an hour.

At Saltair this afternoon a large meeting was held. Governor Roosevelt and others spoke. Governor Roosevelt's visit to Salt Lake City was the most interesting of both from a political and social point of view, of any that has yet been made on his long tour.

On his return from his gallop with the Rough Riders, he visited the famous Mormon tabernacle to listen to an organ recital, which he enjoyed very much.

**Glowing Tribute to Utah Soldiers.**  
At the Salt Air pavilion, this afternoon, Governor Roosevelt paid a glowing tribute to the services of the Utah soldiers in the Philippines, and continued:

"The other day Mr. Bryan in his speech at Chicago, is reported as having said that it boded ill for the republic to have a German soldier walking about in Idaho. This morning I took lunch as a guest of some of your citizens, among whom were three men who were the regular uniform of the United States army and all of whom were with me at Santiago, the eldest of whom, a lieutenant colonel, walks with a cane, because on the second day of the attack on the city of Manila, in 1898, a shrapnel struck him, and he will walk lame for the balance of his life in consequence."

This remark in the newspapers this morning about a band of our men who were attacked by ten times their number of Filipino yesterday and how a third of them were killed and wounded before they beat off their foes. Do you think those men were walking about in Idaho? A third of them are lying in the arms of their friends, or on hospital cots, suffering from wounds that they received."

Senator Carter, of Montana, spoke briefly.

## MEXICO CONTRIBUTES

To the Aid of the Galveston Sufferers. Martial Law Abolished—Saloons all Closed—Sanitation Improving.

GALVESTON, Texas, Sept. 21.—At noon to-day, martial law was abolished and the civil government resumed control of affairs. The contract for clearing the streets has been awarded to a local firm. No saloons will be permitted to keep open.

Mrs. Mussey, vice president of the Red Cross Society, will leave for Washington Sunday night, and will explain to the people of the country exactly what is being done in Galveston.

The Galveston bay bridge was completed at 3 o'clock this morning, and the first train to arrive since September 8 pulled into the Union depot, at 6:25 o'clock. Full passenger train service has been resumed by all the lines entering the city via Virginia Point.

Sanitation of the city continues to improve, and Dr. Williams, health officer, says all danger from an outbreak of any disease is now passed.

## POWERS FAVOR PROPOSAL MADE BY THE GERMANS.

Answers Received From France, Austria and Italy—United States Has Sent Its Reply.

## WILL BE MADE PUBLIC TODAY.

Russia Will Insist Upon Retiring From Chinese Territory—All Eyes Turned on This Government.

BERLIN, Sept. 21.—The German foreign office has received replies from Italy, Austria and France, agreeing without reserve, to Germany's China proposal.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 21.—The state department late this afternoon delivered to Minister Wu the reply of this government to the Chinese request that Minister Conger be authorized to proceed immediately with peace negotiations. The nature of the reply has been withheld by the state department, and will not be made public until to-morrow. Replies also will be delivered to Germany and Russia this afternoon.

## DISAPPROVED.

United States Not in Accord With Germany's Chinese Policy—All But One Regiment of Troops Will be Withdrawn—Wu Not Pleased With Our Answer to China.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 21.—The United States government has made full and complete answers to the various important inquiries that have been addressed to it by the powers relative to the Chinese trouble. Moreover, it has gone farther and has made a disclosure of all its purposes and as a member of the administration puts it, it has thrown down its hand upon the table. This action was taken after the cabinet meeting to-day, and a luncheon at the white house that followed served to reduce the decision to the ultimate form.

At 3:30 o'clock, Minister Wu called by appointment, upon Acting Secretary Hill, and was handed a memorandum embodying the response of the United States government to the request of Prince Ching that Mr. Conger or some other person be immediately empowered to begin negotiations with the Chinese authorities for a final settlement.

**Wu's Dissatisfied Look.**  
The minister came away with a dissatisfied expression upon his face. Next came M. Thiebaud, the French chargé. A few minutes conversation sufficed to impart to him orally an answer to his own verbal inquiry.

Then Baron Sternberg, the German chargé, who had been notified of the readiness of the state department to make an answer to the German note, called and was given that answer. He hastened away to cable it to his government.

The department then sent the answer to the Russian inquiry forward by messenger and wired cablegrams containing the substance of the answers to its diplomatic representatives abroad. Thus closed one of the most interesting and important phases of the Chinese entanglement.

**Refused to Make a Statement.**  
The state department absolutely refused to make any statement as to the nature of the answers, taking the ground that to do so would be a violation of the diplomatic properties.

With all this, it is known that the German proposal that negotiations with China be referred into the Chinese responsible for the Peking outrages have been surrendered to the allies, has failed of approval by our government.

The government does not relinquish the idea of the ultimate punishment of the offenders when they are properly identified, but it does not believe that the pursuit of this object should put a stop to all negotiations.

It is believed that the outcome, from a military point of view, of the action, will be the withdrawal of all but one regiment of the American troops from China to Manila, where they can be held ready to return in an emergency.

**Germany Fighting for Delay.**  
LONDON, Sept. 22, a. m.—It seems to be generally believed throughout Europe that Germany purposely proposed her demand that the anti-forcible leaders should be surrendered before negotiations were commenced with a view of delaying any general acceptance of her proposal until Field Marshal Count Von Waldersee should arrive at Peking.

A dispatch to the Daily Telegraph from Washington asserts that the United States government has politely declined to agree to Germany's proposal on this very ground.

**Rockhill Arrives.**  
WASHINGTON, Sept. 21.—A cablegram was received at the state department to-day from Minister Conger, dated Peking, 17, announcing the arrival of Special Commissioner Rockhill at Peking on that date.

**Democratic Campaign Story.**  
Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.  
PARKERSBURG, W. Va., Sept. 21.—It was recently heralded far and wide by the Democratic press of this state that Earl Berlin, a well known old man of this city, had, after voting the Republican ticket all his life, flipped at the recent Grosvener meeting, and

would vote for Bryan. It has been discovered that this Berlin is a thirteen-year-old boy, who resides with his parents on Thirteenth street.

## BARR'S DILEMMA.

Editor of the Calhoun Chronicle, Though a Democrat, Cannot Advise His Readers to Vote for Bryan.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.  
ELIZABETH, W. Va., Sept. 21.—Samuel C. Barr, editor of the Calhoun Chronicle, the Democratic organ of Calhoun county, who has worked faithfully for the Democracy for twenty-five years, is in a serious dilemma as to how he will vote this fall. His heart still beats true to the Democracy, but he realizes that all of Bryan's predictions of 1896 failed to materialize, whereas the advance agent of prosperity fulfilled his part of the contract. Mr. Barr has felt some of this prosperity himself, and he is loth to turn his back on the arguments of experience. He advises his patrons as follows: "Reader, there are great principles underlying our system of government and self-preservation is rightfully considered to be the first law of nature. Also, order is said to be the first law of heaven. Then, what confronts us to-day is the great question of self-preservation, order and consistency. In 1896 we were told in most profound and eloquent language that without 16 to 1 ruin and devastation awaited this country. Six years ago twenty men were hunting one boss—a man who will work. A rule of law is where a witness is impeached, or is overtaken in false statements; that his evidence is not entitled to the same degree of credibility as it was before. If the statement of Mr. Bryan that the country was on the verge of ruin if we did not get 16 to 1 was untrue, might not his imperialistic views also be far-fetched? Again, we appeal to our readers to study well these questions, and act from honest and pure motives."

## ROUSING RALLY

Held by the Republicans in Summers. Addressed by Judge Freer and Others—Hon. Sam Burdette Will Support the National and State Tickets.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE INTELLIGENCER.  
HINTON, W. Va., Sept. 21.—The Summers county Republicans held another rousing rally here to-day, and it exceeded all previous meetings of the year as to numbers and enthusiasm. A thousand Republicans assembled at the court house to hear the issues of the day discussed by Congressman Romeo H. Freer, of Ritchie county; Hon. L. C. Williams, of Greenbrier, and Hon. C. W. Dillon, of Fayette county. All the speeches were received with much enthusiasm, particularly that of Congressman Freer, who captivated his hearers, both Democrats and Republicans.

Great preparations are being made here for the joint discussion between Hon. A. B. White and Hon. John H. Holt, the candidates for governor, which will be held here Wednesday, October 3.

**Burdette Still Loyal.**  
At Petersown, W. Va., a Republican club of one hundred members was organized last night. The officers elected were: C. P. Spangler, president; J. H. Schulte, vice president; W. H. Ballard, secretary. The club was addressed by Hon. Frank C. Burdette, prosecutor of Kanawha county, who the Democratic leaders claimed was supporting the Democratic legislative and county tickets in Kanawha county. Burdette said he was for McKinley and the entire Republican ticket, and that he will return to his county and fight for the entire state and county tickets.

Hon. S. J. Burdette, ex-district attorney, has announced that he is still for McKinley and the state Republican ticket, reports to the contrary notwithstanding.

## LEWIS COUNTY REPUBLICANS

Open the Campaign—Hon. Victor B. Dolliver Present.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE INTELLIGENCER.  
WESTON, W. Va., Sept. 21.—The Republican campaign in Lewis county was opened here yesterday afternoon. County Chairman Charles P. Swint called the meeting to order and introduced W. W. Hughes, of this county, who explained away the boggy of imperialism. He was followed by R. Ad Hall, who made a brilliant address, reviewing the McKinley administration.

In the evening a large concourse of people listened to the eloquent Victor B. Dolliver, of Iowa. His speech was one of the most able discourses ever delivered in this section of the state. The Republicans of Lewis are up and doing, and an increased vote may be expected in November.

## GOV. ATKINSON IN TYLER.

Speaks to One of the Largest Gatherings Ever Known in Sistersville. Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

SISTERSVILLE, W. Va., Sept. 21.—The Republican campaign was opened in Tyler county this evening in the new Auditorium, when Governor Atkinson addressed one of the largest political gatherings ever seen in Sistersville. His speech was a masterpiece and will make many votes.

Hon. J. Hampton Hoge, who was advertised to appear, failed to reach here on account of sickness.

## Big Meeting in Jackson.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.  
HIDLEY, W. Va., Sept. 21.—An immense Republican meeting here to-day was addressed by Hon. A. B. White, presided over by ex-Congressman Miller. It was the best meeting held here since General Goff spoke in 1888. The speeches were splendidly received, and much good was accomplished. The majority in this county will be greatly increased this fall.

## BLAME LAID ON RAILROADS FOR THE STRIKE.

President Mitchell Issues a Statement Charging Nine Railroad Presidents With Responsibility

## OF THE PRESENT TROUBLE.

Discrimination in Rates Cause of the Uprising—Only Carriers of Anthracite to Tide-Water Section.

HAZLETON, Pa., Sept. 21.—President Mitchell to-night issued the following: "Open Letter to the Public."

"HAZLETON, Pa., Sept. 21, 1900. "To the Public:

"Fully conscious of the vast public interests involved by the great contest now being waged between organized capital and under-paid labor, and as much has been said and written upon the subject of arbitration in the present anthracite coal strike, as president of the United Mine Workers of America, I am impelled to define my own attitude and the attitude of my official colleagues and the striking mine workers toward the coal operators in a way so clear and definite as to leave no further room for misunderstanding. The striking mine workers recognize as their real opponents in this struggle for a slight amelioration of the hard grinding conditions of the average miner's life, the coal operators, with their pre-eminence, are Pennsylvania Railroad, Lehigh Valley, railroad system, Alfred Walter, president; Delaware & Hudson Railroad Company, R. M. Olyphant, president; Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad Company, W. H. Truesdale, president; Central Railroad Company of New Jersey, J. R. Maxwell, president; Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company, Joseph H. Harris, president; Erie Railroad and New York, Susquehanna & Western Road, E. B. Thomas, president; Delaware, Susquehanna & Schuylkill, Irving A. Stearns, president; New York, Ontario & Western railway, Thomas B. Fowler, president.

**Sole Carriers to Tide Water.**  
"These nine railroad corporations, besides producing approximately 72 per cent of the hard coal, are the sole carriers to tide-water of all coal mined in the anthracite fields of Pennsylvania, and for this service of carriage a charge from 40 to 65 per cent per ton according to the size of the coal, is made. Incredible as it may appear, they charge three times as much to carry a ton of anthracite coal, one hundred miles as they charge to carry a ton of bituminous coal the same distance."

"I, speaking for the 120,000 mine workers this day on strike, recognize these railroads as our real enemies, and name their names as the men responsible for refusal to arbitrate or even confer upon the differences which have grown up, not between them and the organization of miners, but between them and their own employees, who, through delegates selected by themselves, met in convention in the city of Hazleton on September 12, and framed a list of grievances which were mailed to the general superintendents of the mining departments of these railroads, accompanied by an intimation to meet them on September 18, on August 18, for the purpose of discussing and if possible, agreeing upon such change in the scale of mining and conditions of employment as were demanded by the conditions of the coal industry."

**Regarded as Fellow Victims.**  
"We can only regard such independent operators as the G. B. Markle & Company, in the light of fellow victims with ourselves, suffering under excessive freight rates, as we suffer from low wages and inhuman conditions of employment and we should regard arbitration with any other individual operator as a concession to the selfishness of operators as absolutely not calculated to advance the cause of the great body of anthracite mine workers, but on the contrary to bring their certain defeat, for even were the board of arbitration, in say, the Markle case, to award all that the men desired, that award could be lived up to by Markle as long as the strike continued elsewhere."

"It is an absurdity, from a business point of view, to even assume that Markle or any other individual operator could continue to pay a higher rate of wages than his competitors, the railroad companies, for any considerable length of time."

"This is a fight for all for each and each for all, and to be successful there must be no break in our line of action. It ought to go without saying at this late date that the men who are advocates of the principle of arbitration, and did I not personally favor these principles the laws of the organization of which I am president, make arbitration one of its cardinal tenets."

## Agreed to Advance.

In Indianapolis, last January, 250 operators and 750 miners' delegates, representing an annual output of 70,000,000 tons of bituminous coal in western Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, met in a conference and mutually agreed that the miners' earnings should advance 22-10 per cent.

"As a result of this conference and other similar ones in the states west of the Mississippi river and south of the Ohio river, 120,000 mine workers receive an advance in their earnings aggregating \$12,000,000 in one year, thus precluding even the possibility of a strike for one full year, at the end of which they will again meet in joint conference to renew the contract and make such changes in the wages paid as are justified and warranted by the cost of production and the value of the coal in the markets. This, in my opinion, is the ideal method of averting strikes and turmoil and securing for labor and capital that share of the profits of their joint industry to which each is properly entitled."

## Agreement Could be Reached.

"Were they to act upon this idea, I firmly believe that the railroad companies could finally arrive at an agreement with their employees and establish a relation with any other body of men which would make strikes almost impossible in the future. Such action on the part of the nine great railroads would, of course, deprive the United Mine Workers of much of the credit to which we believe it to be justly entitled, but we place far above any consideration of increased labor or organization the question of

what shall be for the good of all anthracite workers, their wives and their children in this supreme crisis.

"These are my sincere expressions, and I appeal to an impartial and just public to judge between us and these 'coal railroad presidents' if they shall refuse to meet in a spirit of fairness this proposal of a man whose chief object is to help lighten the weary burden of a struggling, earnest mass of humanity. (Signed.) "JOHN MITCHELL, President, United Mine Workers of America."

## WEST VIRGINIA BRIEFS.

Fayetteville is the scene of a soldiers' reunion this week.

Joseph Foster, a Hungarian, was murdered and robbed near Welch.

The Harrison County Hospital Company, of Clarksburg, has been incorporated.

James H. Stewart, aged seventy, was given to death by a bullet in Hancock county, opposite Wellsburg.

Twenty-two men have reported to Captain Hodges, of the West Virginia University, for football practice.

Capt. James W. Williamson, once a prisoner of war, was buried at his home in Friendsburg, aged eighty years.

Judge Guthrie will not hold the fall term of the Putnam county court on account of illness near Red House.

Harvey Dusenberry, of Monongalia county, was killed at Elizabeth, Pa., while working among some heavy timbers.

The West Virginia Conference Seminary, at Buckhannon, has initiated the work for 1900 under the most favorable auspices.

James Byrne, a West Virginia traveling man, who was supposed to have died at Rowlesburg, is alive and well at Charleston, Pa.

George Wells, aged twelve, and Will Shaw, aged ten, were burned to death by using kerosene oil in lighting a fire, at Point Pleasant.

The Methodists of Parkersburg are anxious to secure the services of Rev. J. M. Smith, who recently received a call from that church.

Nearly every saloonkeeper in Piedmont was indicted by the Mineral county grand jury for selling liquor to a confirmed drunkard.

Capt. F. W. Smith, of Bluefield, who is assistant surgeon in the Second Regiment of the National Guard, has been examined for promotion.

William Bowen, who was defeated in the Republican primary, has been made by the county court the successor of Sheriff White, in Mercer.

William Messenger, a prominent resident of Davis, is dead, aged forty-two years. His remains were sent to his home at Ridgeway, Pa., for interment.

The drought has almost caused a suspension of navigation on the Monongahela river. The regular packets now transfer half way up navigation to light boats.

Senator John M. Thurston will make three speeches in West Virginia. The first meeting will be at Martinsburg on the night of September 24, at Strasburg, on the 25th, and at Clarksburg on the 26th.

G. S. Good & Co., of Lock Haven, Pa., were awarded the contract for the masonry for twenty-five miles on the East Branch of the Kanawha River from Gratton to Philippi. The contract calls for 7,000 yards.

The first labor union to be organized in Morgantown was organized Thursday last by the American Flat Glass Workers' Union. The men to get in the union are employees of the Morgantown glass works.

Allan Jones, of Crane Ridge, McDowell county, was attempting to extract a nail from a Winchester bridge when the cartridge exploded. The bullet penetrated Jones' head and the wound will prove fatal.

Sam Pierson, who is charged with the murder of Alex. Dawson, near Yadocke Dam, in Clay county, was taken to Charleston Thursday evening and placed in the Kanawha county jail for safe keeping.

For the first time in years every appointment in the cadet corps of the West Virginia University is taken. There are 144 of these appointments awarded annually, along with their free tuition and books.

Major Powell, who is in charge of the Monongahela river improvement between Morgantown and Fairmont, has again let the contract for the removal and replacement of a dam which will be begun on them at once.

Dr. H. G. Meek has received advice from the department of the interior that he has been transferred from the position of chief of the division of Pleistocene to the board of Tyler county, to succeed Dr. G. S. Wells, resigned.

At Erbacon, on Birch river, Webster county, within a radius of eight miles, are immense lumber plant on twelve stave cutters in active operation, turning out 20,000 feet of lumber six days in the week the year round. Webster county was Democratic in 1896, but it is not likely to be this year.

The Maryland Automobile Manufacturing Company, of Piedmont, has begun the manufacture of automobiles on an extensive scale. The first car shipped to a gentleman in New York, who entered it in several speed contests. The company is completing five large delivery vans, one for a Pittsburgh laundry.

Cincinnati coal men, who are largely interested, either directly or indirectly, in the coal trade of the Kanawha and New River valleys, are preparing a petition of bankruptcy of war requesting that the United States engineer be granted permission to flood the Kanawha when he thinks it necessary to help coal dealers.

Bentley & Gerwig, W. M. Mitchell and G. L. Hendershot, of Parkersburg, and J. C. Copenhaver, of Pittsburgh, have about completed the rebuilding of the Middle Fork river, in Upshur county, which was burned recently. The mills will begin running next week. They own 18,000 acres of splendid timber and land.

Theodore Feary, a burly six-footer, known as the bully of Pine Hills, Berkeley county, was found guilty of an attempt to commit rape on Mrs. Sarah Bowers, by a jury at Martinsburg yesterday. The case was tried at the last term of court, and the jury rendered a verdict of guilty. The deed was committed at the woman's home, in a lonely place in the pine hills, March 23, 1900. The judge withheld his opinion to consider a motion for another new trial.

**Will be Gaged Again.**  
Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

PARKERSBURG, W. Va., Sept. 21.—Jack Hendershot, who was recently pardoned from the penitentiary, was arrested to-day, on a charge of highway robbery.

**Declines the Appointment.**  
SALT LAKE, Utah, Sept. 21.—Judge Powers has given out a signed statement, declining his appointment by Acting Governor Nebeker, to the United States senate.

## CORRUPTION IN CITIES CAUSED BY POLITICIANS.

Bird S. Coler, Comptroller of New York, Discusses "Danger of the Commercial Spirit in Politics."

## NATIONAL MUNICIPAL LEAGUE

Greed of Officials Greater Than Their Public Spirit—Public Opinion Must be Aroused.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Sept. 21.—The national municipal league held its final meeting of the annual convention to-day. Charles J. Bonaparte, of Baltimore, was the principal speaker of the forenoon session. His paper was entitled "The Essential Element in Good City Government."

George E. Hooker, of Hull House, Chicago, read a paper on "Local Transportation and its Relation to the Welfare of the Municipality."

A paper on "Municipal Political Parties," by Dr. Milo R. Matthe, of New York City, was read by the secretary. One of the principal topics of the forenoon was a paper by Bird S. Coler, comptroller of Greater New York. Mr. Coler was unable to be present and his paper was read by the secretary.

**Mr. Coler's Paper.**  
Mr. Coler's paper was on "Danger of the Commercial Spirit in Politics." He asserted his belief in our system of government, its plan and endurance, but in recent years, he said, our material progress, that should safeguard the permanence of our institutions, has in reality been the nursery of the gravest dangers that confront the people. While getting rich and growing to greatness seems to have no limit, we have been slowly, at times unconsciously, drawing away, he declared, from those simple, but imperative rules of public conduct laid down for us by the wise men who created our system of government.

A spirit of commercialism has invaded our politics and our statesmanship. Public interests have been sacrificed to private gain. Men have discovered that there is money in the business of politics and with many of them their greed is greater than their public spirit.

**Root of the Evil.**  
The root of this evil, which is so dangerous to our institutions, may be found in the mistakes in our system of politics. Our